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TAGS: ELTN, MOPS, DG, AO

SUBJECT: LOWER ZAIRE RIVER CHANNEL DUE TO SILTING

REF: KINSHASA 2581

1. KINSHASA REFTEL REPORTED THAT ZAIRIAN AUTHORITIES HAD TEMPORARILY CLOSED A SECTION OF THE ZAIRE RIVER WHEN ANGOLAN AUTHORITIES HAD WARNED ZAIRIAN DREDGERS NOT TO DUMP SAND FROM ZAIRIAN DREDGING OPERATIONS ON ANGOLAN TERRITORY. A RELIABLE AUTHORITY REPORTS THAT EFFECTIVENESS OF ZAIRIAN DREDGERS HAS BEEN REDUCED BY APPOROXIMATELY 50 PER CENT AS THEY MUST NOW TRAVEL CONSIDERABLE DISTANCES TO DEPOSIT SAND FROM DREDGING OPERATIONS UPON ZAIRIAN TERRITORY. AS A RESULT OF REDUCED OPERATIONS,
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THE RIVER CHANNEL IS NOW ONLY 22 FEET. TWENTY-FOUR FEET IS CONSIDERED MINIMUM FOR NORMAL RIVER OPERATIONS AND 26 FEET IS DESIRABLE.

2. EMBOFF DISCUSSED THIS WITH MOBIL REP DUBRULE WHO STATED THAT THIS DOES NOT MEAN THAT THE ZAIRE RIVER TO MATADI WILL BE CLOSED TO OCEAN-GOING VESSELS, BUT IT DOES MEAN THAT IN MANY CASES

THEY WILL HAVE TO LOWER THEIR DRAFT BY OFFLOADING A PORTION OF THEIR CARGOS ONTO LIGHTERS. THIS WILL BE PARTICULARLY TRUE FOR TANKERS AND GRAIN FREIGHTERS. AS LIGHTERS ARE LIMITED, THIS PROCESS MAY BE EXPENSIVE AND TIME CONSUMING AND WILL RESULT IN INEVITABLE DELAYS IN ARRIVAL OF CARGOS.

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